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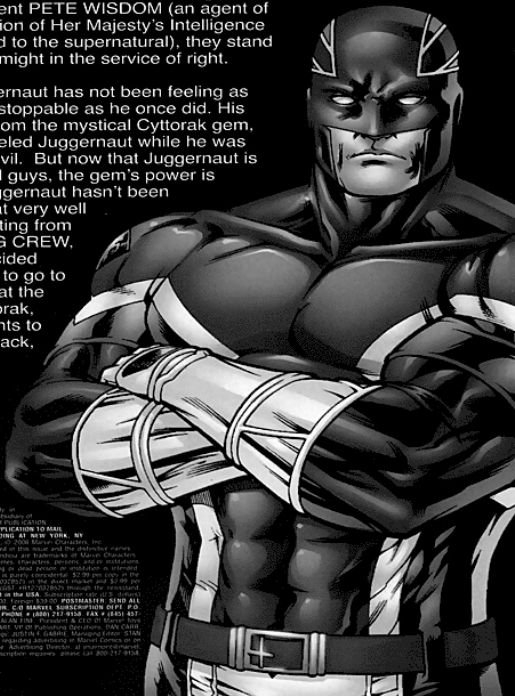
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THERE WAS A TIME WHEN
THE CONCEPT OF RELIGION
WAS JUST A BABY.

EARLY MAN IN THOSE DAYS
HAD A LOT OF CHOICES AS
FAR AS WHO OR WHAT HE
WANTED TO WORSHIP.

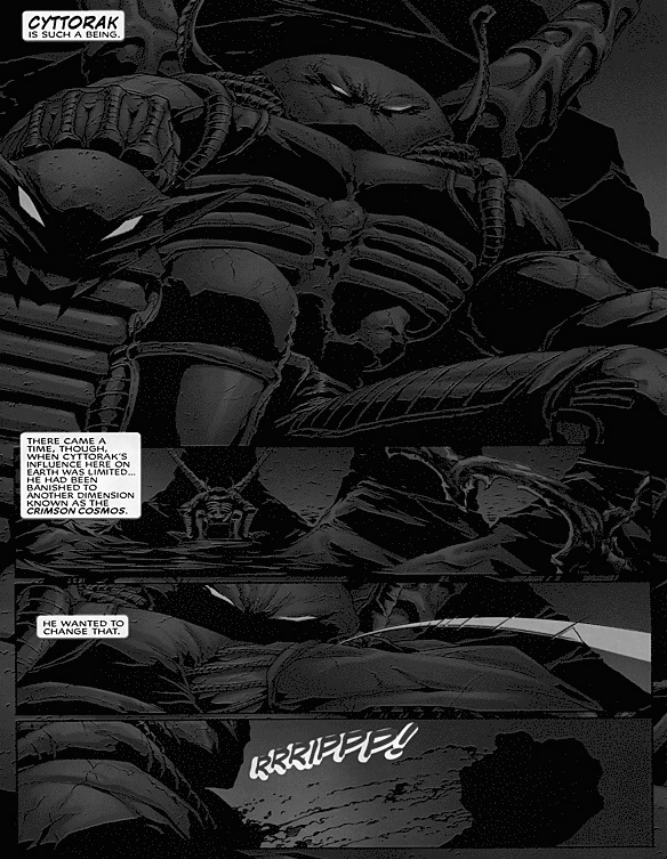
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GODS.

DEMONS.

AND
EVEN
BEINGS
WHO
WERE A
BIT OF
BOTH.

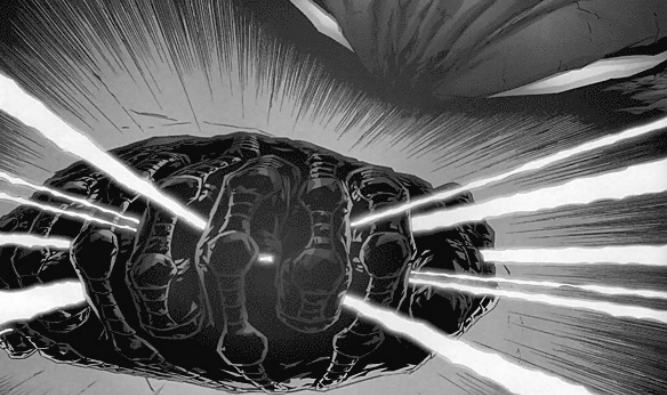


CYTTORAK
IS SUCH A BEING.

THERE CAME A
TIME, THOUGH,
WHEN CYTTORAK'S
INFLUENCE HERE ON
EARTH WAS LIMITED...
HE HAD BEEN
BANISHED TO
ANOTHER DIMENSION
KNOWN AS THE
CRIMSON COSMOS.

HE WANTED TO
CHANGE THAT.

RRRIFF!



SO HE CREATED THE
**CRIMSON
GEM OF
CYTTORAK.**



AND
WHOEVER
TOUCHED
THE GEM...

...WOULD BECOME
CYTTORAK'S AGENT
ON EARTH.



HE WOULD BE
GRANTED
IMMEASURABLE
SUPERHUMAN
STRENGTH AND
INVULNERABILITY.



HE WOULD BE
UNSTOPPABLE.



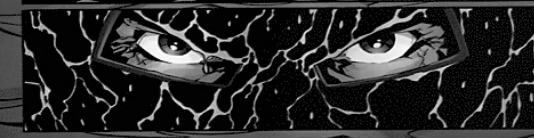
HE WOULD
BECOME...



...A
JUGGERNAUT.



AND THAT'S
WHAT I AM.



WELL, USED
TO BE,
ANYWAY.

NOW? MY
STRENGTH'S PRETTY
MEASURABLE...



...I AIN'T SO
INVULNERABLE...



...AND DON'T GET
ME STARTED ON
UNSTOPPABLE.



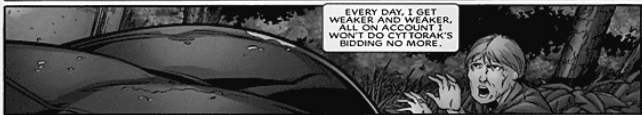
SURE, THESE FISHERMAN
DON'T POSE MUCH OF A
THREAT TO ME NOW...



...BUT IF THINGS KEEP
HEADIN' WHERE THEY'RE
HEADIN' ...WHO KNOWS?



EVERY DAY, I GET
WEAKER AND WEAKER,
ALL ON ACCOUNT I
WON'T DO CYT TORAK'S
BIDDING NO MORE.





I DON'T WANT
TO BE BAD
ANYMORE.

ONLY I'VE
LEARNED
THAT THAT
AIN'T SO
EASY.

YOU WISS...
YE SHOULD HAVE
TRAMPLED THAT
OLD BROAD.

HMMPH...THE
VOICE...YA
WANNA KNOW
WHAT THAT IS?

IT AIN'T A
DEMON OR
THE GEM OR
EVEN
CYTTORAK...

...IT'S
ME.

IT'S THOSE
THOUGHTS
WE ALL HAVE
FROM TIME
TO TIME...THE
ONES IN THE
BACK OF OUR
HEADS. THE
ONES WE
PROBABLY
DON'T EVER
ACT ON...



THEY'RE BEING
BROUGHT TO THE
FRONT OF MY MIND
BY THE GEM.
THEY'RE CONSTANT,
UNFILTERED AND
INTENSE.

THEY START
TO GET TO
YOU AFTER
AWHILE.
START TO
INFLUENCE
YOU.



OF COURSE,
THAT'S WHAT
CYTTORAK
WANTS. HE
EVENTUALLY
BREAKS YA
DOWN TO DO
WHAT HE
WANTS.



I WANT
THE
THOUGHTS
TO STOP,
AND THE
ONLY WAY
I'M GONNA
GET THAT
TO
HAPPEN...



BY THE LIVING
HEART OF
CYTTORAK.



RRUM
BLE!



...IS TO
CONFRONT
THE BIG GUY
HIMSELF.





EXCUSE ME?

NOTHING.



YOU KNOW SOMETHING, TJ, I'VE HAD JUST ABOUT--



AHEM!

ER...YES, WELL, IT'S JUST LUCKY FOR US YOU'RE FLUENT IN KOREAN, RIGHT SAGE?

ACTUALLY, I'M FLUENT IN OVER 123 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES AND--



HERE WE GO...

OH, I'M SORRY, WISDOM-- AM I BORING YOU? PERHAPS I WOULD BE MORE ENTERTAINING IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO COMB THROUGH EVERY KOREAN NEWS CHANNEL AND WEBSITE BECAUSE OF OUR LACK OF INTELLIGENCE.

THAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE YOUR DEPARTMENT, CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG...



JUST BE THANKFUL CYTTORAK'S TEMPLE IS IN SOUTH KOREA AND NOT NORTH. LUV, THEN THINGS WOULD BE REALLY--

BREAKING NEWS--

QUIET! I THINK I HAVE SOMETHING HERE.

GUYS, IF YOU'D ALL JUST STOP BICKERING WITH EACH OTHER FOR A MINUTE AND LOOK OUT THE WINDOW...



I
THINK
WE'VE
FOUND
HIM.



MY GOD.



IT'S LIKE
YOU SAID,
MATE ...

...THE MAN
DOES NOT
DO ANYTHING
SMALL.



WELCOME
HOME, MY
JUGGERNAUT.



CAN
THE
SWEET
TALK,
CY.

YA
KNOW
WHAT
I'M HERE
FOR.



YES, I DO.
THE QUESTION
IS, THOUGH, MY
OLD FRIEND...



DO
YOU?







SO I'M ASKIN' YA...
FOR OLD TIMES' SAKE
OR FOR WHATEVER YA
WANNA CALL IT.

PLEASE...
JUST GIVE ME
THE GEM.



I
NEED
IT.

Please?
Since when
does the
Juggernaut
say
please?

Oh geez...
I think I'm
gonna
puke.



HOW'S THIS
THEN... WILL YOU
PLEASE SHUT THE
#&% UP!



YOUR INNER VOICE
MAY BE CRUDE,
BUT I ECHO THE
SENTIMENT.

YOU
HAVE
BECOME
DISLOYAL
AND
WEAK.



PERHAPS
THE TIME
HAS INDEED
COME.

PERHAPS
I REALLY DO
NEED A NEW
JUGGERNAUT.



AFTER ALL,
IT'S NOT LIKE
YOU WERE MY
FIRST CHOICE
ANYWAY...

WHAT'S
THAT
SUPPOSED
TO MEAN?

I REPEAT...



...WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

THE CRACK FROM EARLIER ABOUT ME NOT CARING.

NOTHING. FORGET I SAID ANYTHING.



ALISON, JUST DROP IT. SHE'S WORRIED ABOUT CAIN. I'M SURE SHE--

MIND YOUR BUSINESS, MATE.

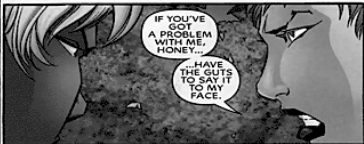
LET 'EM WORK IT OUT.



DO YOURSELF A BIG FAVOR AND TAKE YOUR OWN ADVICE... "MATE."

NO, BRIAN, I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS.

ALL HER DIRTY LOOKS AND MUMBLINGS UNDER HER BREATH LATELY.



IF YOU'VE GOT A PROBLEM WITH ME, HONEY...

...HAVE THE GUTS TO SAY IT TO MY FACE.



FINE.



YOU'RE
THE PHONIST
PERSON I
KNOW.

WHAT?
HOW COULD
YOU--

EXCUSE ME,
SWEETHEART.
BUT I AIN'T
DONE.

YOU
WANTED
IT, NOW
YOU'RE
GONNA
GET IT.

YOU TALK ABOUT HOW YOU'RE
FINISHED WITH THE BIZ, HOW YOU
DON'T WANT ANOTHER RECORD
CONTRACT OR ANOTHER SHOT
AT THE BIG TIME...

...BUT
IT'S ALL
BULL.

YOU
NOT ONLY
WANT IT...
YOU NEED
IT.

YOU'RE AS
ADDICTED TO
IT AS CAIN IS TO
THAT GEM OR
WISDOM. IS TO
CIGARETTES--

WHAT?
I'M NOT
ADDICTED
TO--

YEAH, YEAH.
WHATEVER.

YOU
ABSOLUTELY
CRAVE THAT
LOOK YOU GET
FROM FANS...THE
BLIND
ADULATION,
THAT LITTLE KICK
THAT BEING A
CELEBRITY
GIVES YOU.

AND
THESE
DAYS, CAIN
IS THE ONLY
ONE YOU
STILL GET
THAT FROM.

THAT'S WHY YOU'VE
NEVER--NOT EVEN
ONCE--DETERRED
HIM...

...EVEN THOUGH
YOU CLEARLY DON'T
FEEL ABOUT HIM THE
SAME WAY HE FEELS
ABOUT YOU.









DANE?
WHAT ARE
YOU--?

CAN IT,
BRIAN.

I MEAN,
WHAT IS
WRONG
WITH YOU
PEOPLE?

MY GOD,
WE HAD FIGHTS
WHEN I WAS WITH
THE AVENGERS...
BUT NOTHING
LIKE THIS!



THE
CHAMPIONS
WEREN'T EVEN
THIS BAD.

AND YOU
PEOPLE WANT ME
TO JOIN YOU?
HA!



OH,
I LIKE
THIS
ONE.





YER
JUST
SAYIN'
THAT.



THINK ABOUT
IT--WHY WOULD I
PICK YOU, CAIN?

YOU WERE
A COMPLETE
FAILURE UP UNTIL
THAT POINT IN
YOUR LIFE.



REMEMBER
THAT DAY...
REMEMBER WHO
YOU WERE
WITH.

YOU WERE
NEVER MEANT
TO BE THE
JUGGERNAUT,
CAIN...



...HE
WAS.

...to be **CONCLUDED!**



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